

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending. Claims 1,4-16, 18 and 20-31 have been rejected and claims 2,3,17 and 19 were objected to.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 2 and 3 which have been deemed allowable. In view of the amendment, the rejections are moot and all of the claims are in condition for allowance.

Prompt passage to issue of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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